Dear Parents,

Please find attached to the newsletter a permission note for our visit to the Life Education Van early next term. Your assistance in returning this note before the end of term would be appreciated.

As this is the last newsletter for the term, I would like to thank everyone in our school community for their support throughout the term. The students and staff have worked extremely hard this term. What a great Term 1 we’ve had at MSIS!! Have a safe and enjoyable holiday and I look forward to seeing the students back on Wednesday, 1 May.

Cheers, Brendan.

Parent / Teacher Interviews

Thank you to those families who have returned their note for the parent / teacher interviews being held at the end of the term. This opportunity provides time to discuss your child’s success thus far and also areas for improvement in the future. It will also give you time to ask questions that you may have about your child’s learning and school experiences. The interviews times are strictly held to 10 minutes and will be held in the library.

Emergency Contacts

Can we get in touch with you when you need to? Are you sure? It is extremely vital that our contact records are current and accurate. If your phone or address details have changed you must advise us. It is also vital that emergency contacts identified by you know and understand their role as the emergency contact. Furthermore, they should live locally or within a short driving distance. Keeping the school informed with current information is your responsibility. Please contact Mrs W in the office or send a note in when your contact details need to be modified. Your assistance in this matter is important and greatly appreciated.

Coles Sports for Schools Vouchers

In 2012 we participated in the Coles Sports for Schools Vouchers Program. We recently received notification that we collected a phenomenal 21,331 vouchers. This is a wonderful achievement, considering we collected just over 12,000 vouchers in 2011. Our selected sporting equipment should be arriving soon. We look forward to participating in this program again this year.

P & C Annual General Meeting

Tomorrow is our P & C Annual General Meeting (AGM) at 3.15 in the library. The positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer will become vacant. It would be wonderful to see as many parents and community members in attendance as possible to show their support of our P & C who give their time for the benefit of every child in our school. The P & C generally meets twice per term from 3.15pm until approximately 4.00pm. If there is any issue that you would like to raise at the meetings but you are unable to attend, you are most welcome to put your enquiry in writing and provide it to Katie or Anna, or leave it at the office.

ANZAC Day Parade

On Thursday, 25 April we celebrate ANZAC Day. Murwillumbah South Infants School will once again uphold the annual tradition of participating in the Murwillumbah parade. Even though ANZAC Day falls in the last week of the school holidays, it would be wonderful to see as many students as possible represent our school in the parade. Students who would like to come along and march are required to wear full school uniform, including their school hat and can meet Mr Quinn outside the Murwillumbah Post Office in the Main Street at 10:15am for a 10:30am start. They can also bring along a water bottle if needed. We look forward to a wonderful representation. Students can be collected upon conclusion of the ceremony at the Cenotaph.
Voluntary School Contributions

Thank you to those families who have paid the voluntary school contribution. Our voluntary school contributions for this year once again remain at $25 per child or $40 for two students. Voluntary school contributions can be sent into Mrs W at the office in an envelope with your child’s name on the front or you might like to pay by electronic funds transfer. Thank you for your understanding and support.

You can now pay for any excursions and school contributions by direct debit.

BSB: 032-001
Account Number: 148732
Account Name: Murwillumbah South Infants School
Please put child’s name for payment.

How You Can Help Your Child

You help your child learn in many ways during everyday life....

You help improve your child’s literacy skills when:
• you encourage them to watch, listen and ask questions. This develops language and promotes thinking,
• you take turns when reading a harder book,
• you ensure they regularly read at home.

You help improve your child’s numeracy skills when:
• you use positional language when discussing position e.g. to the right, below, beside, next to, behind, in front of,
• you encourage them to tell the time at home using digital or analogue clocks,
• You discuss the house numbers in your street and what is happening to them as you walk along.

You help improve your child’s social skills when:
• you are quick with praise and slow with criticism and you occasionally tell your child NO,
• you correctly model the appropriate communication skills when other people are talking e.g. wait away from the conversation that is taking place without entering the conversation and when the time is appropriate, interject with excuse me,
• you have fun, play games together, go on outings to the park and play on the swings or go for a walk.

Community News

The Murwillumbah Ratepayers and Residents Association Inc. are having its next meeting, on Monday 15 April, from 7:30pm at the Autumn Club, Tumbulgum Road (next to the library), Murwillumbah. All Welcome.